



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE ROWLAND TRUST

Number
294714



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

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COIF Charities Investment Fund	14,000	-	-	14,000	17,500
53.50 Accumulation Units	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,000	-	-	14,000	17,500
Total receipts	40,010	-	-	40,010	18,669
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Sub total	39,402	-	-	39,402	20,630
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2.46 Accumulation units	-	-	-	-	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	8	-	-	8	(1,961)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80	-	-	80	2,041
Bank Cash funds this year end	88	-	-	88	80

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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	398.83 Accumulation Units	101,915	-	-
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B5 Liabilities	2257.33 Income Fund Units	43,616	-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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	TOTAL FUNDS (Unrestricted)	146,521	Last Year	162,144.00

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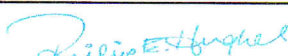
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Philip Hughes

5th January 2026



Trustees' Annual Report for the period



Period start date

1st January 2025

Period end date

31st December 2025

From

To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE ROWLAND TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 294714

Charity's principal address

Penny Royal

Muttersmoor Road

Sidmouth

Postcode

EX10 8RH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Hughes	Secretary & Trustee		The Committee of Trustees
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By appointment by the committee of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- The trustees all have a connection with Sidmouth Parish Church St Giles & St Nicholas, for example as Vicar/Rector, communicant, ex- churchwardens and treasurers.
- This is because the Trust was formed to give grants to pay for the repair and maintenance of the fabric of the above church building. The appointed trustees have the knowledge and experience of the building and its demands, and this helps them to assess future requests for grants.
- Where a trustee also holds an official position on the PCC of the above Church they have been advised of the need to declare an interest when deciding whether to apply for a grant from The Rowland Trust, and in turn whether a grant should be awarded.
- Some Church members regard the Trust's funds as a their 'building fund' and the main risk is that – if there was a serious major demand for repair and maintenance – there may be insufficient funds to meet this demand while maintaining provision for future long-term demands.
- See Section C on investment strategy to counter this event.
- Dual control and signing is operated on all bank and investment accounts.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide funds in the form of grants to The PCC of Sidmouth Parish Church St Giles & St Nicholas for the repair, upkeep and maintenance of the fabric of the building.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

By maintaining the Parish Church building in good order so that the public have a place for worship, private prayer, marriages, funerals, civic ceremonies, meeting places for social events and quality musical concerts. The Church provides a focal place for the Sidmouth community.

In making decisions about grants the trustees have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Main activities:

1. Continued encouragement for church members and others to make bequests and donations to The Rowland Trust.
2. To ensure safe receipt and acknowledgement of gifts and bequests.
3. Administering and investing such bequests with CCLA.
4. To consider carefully requests from the PCC for grants.
5. Examining these requests and liaising with the PCC Treasurer and Churchwardens on timings and process including the provision of proper quotes and estimates.
6. Distributing the grants to the PCC.

Please see below for investment strategy.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Policy on Grant making.

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Some of the Trustees have attended 'zoom' type lectures with CCLA COIF to assess and review our investment strategy. We are satisfied that they continue to be an appropriate fund manager and are aware of their forthcoming merger with Jupiter Fund Management. We have set up a capital accumulation fund of £100,000+ and an income fund of £45,000, the latter to provide income for the annual and small repair and maintenance costs.

Safeguarding

All trustees are aware of the necessary procedures.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. We received bequests of £25,000 during the year.
2. We distributed that to the PCC in the form of grants topped up by £13,000 of other repair and maintenance demands.
3. We reviewed the investment strategy and implemented the actions listed above.
4. We are reviewing our publicity and promotional material to better meet our future needs.
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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As mentioned in Section C we decided to set up a capital accumulation fund of £100,000+ and an income fund of £45,000, the latter to provide income for the annual and small repair and maintenance costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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The principal sources of funds are:

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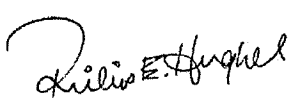
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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Edwin Hughes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary & Trustee	
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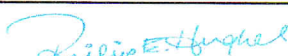
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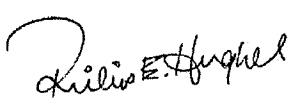
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE ROWLAND TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

294714

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31st December 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 10/04/2026

Name:

Duncan Akers

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

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